



BIOGRAPHY

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COLONEL GARY R. WOLTERING

Colonel Gary R. Woltering is the commander of the 354th Operations Group, 354th Fighter Wing, Eielson AFB, Alaska. The 354 OG is comprised of four squadrons, which provide night vision goggle-equipped A/OA-10s, LANTIRN-equipped F-16s, tactical air control, and operations support. The 354 OG is tasked to provide trained and equipped air forces for close air support, air interdiction and offensive counter air.

Colonel Woltering entered the Air Force as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Georgia, Ga. He has served as an A-10 pilot, flight commander, squadron commander, weapons officer, staff officer for headquarters Air Combat Command and the Department of Defense. He is a command pilot with more than 3,700 in A-10 and F-117A aircraft, and has flown more than 100 combat hours in Operations Allied Force, Southern Watch and Provide Comfort.



EDUCATION

- 1979 Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.
- 1984 Squadron Officer School, Distinguished Graduate, (residence), Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1987 Master of Arts Degree in Management, Webster University, St. Louis, Mo.
- 1987 USAF Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, Distinguished Graduate, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 1994 Army Command and General Staff College, (residence) Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
- 2000 National War College, (residence), Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2000 Master of Science in National Security Strategy, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

- April 1980 - April 1981, student pilot, Reese AFB, Texas.
- April 1981 - September 1981, pilot instructor training, (Distinguished Graduate), Randolph AFB, Texas.
- September 1981 - July 1984, T-38 instructor pilot, Reese AFB, Texas.
- July 1984 - September 1984, student, lead-in fighter training, (Distinguished Graduate), Holloman AFB, N.M.
- October 1984 - February 1985, student, A-10 upgrade training, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
- February 1985 - May 1989, A-10 pilot, flight commander/weapons officer, England AFB, La.
- June 1989 - May 1992, Chief Wing Weapons and Tactics, RAF Alconbury, England.

- June 1992 - June 1993, action officer, Requirements for Advanced Programs, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
- June 1993 - June 1994, student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
- June 1994 - June 1997, F-117A instructor pilot, operations officer, SEFE, Holloman AFB, N.M
- June 1997 - June 1999, commander, 8th Fighter Squadron, Holloman AFB, N.M
- July 1999 - June 2000, student, National War College, Washington, D.C.
- June 2000 - June 2002, deputy director, Readiness Programming and Assessment, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- July 2002 - present, commander, 354th Operations Group, Eielson AFB, Alaska.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot
 Flight hours: More than 3,700
 Aircraft flown: T-38, A-10, F-117A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Flying Cross
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Air Medal
 Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Joint Meritorious Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with valor device and three oak leaf clusters
 Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 National Defense Service Medal
 Armed Forces Service Medal
 Southwest Asia Service Medal with one device

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

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| Second Lieutenant | June 1979 |
| First Lieutenant | December 1981 |
| Captain | December 1983 |
| Major | August 1991 |
| Lieutenant Colonel | October 1996 |
| Colonel | March 2001 |

(Current as of January 2004)